

## Los Angeles County Influenza Recommendations

In a report to the Supervisors of Los Angeles County on the general aspects and control of the influenza epidemic in that county, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, Health Officer of that county, makes the following recommendations, which may well prove of value in other counties:

1. The experience of the epidemic demonstrates the need for closer co-operation between the various municipal departments of the smaller cities and of the county. Where such co-operation can be effected, a marked improvement in local conditions occurs.

2. Owing to the fact that authorities in the United States predict a recurrence of influenza during the next winter, it is highly important that our administrative and executive arrangements be perfected before that time. To this end I strongly recommend the formation of a committee representing the county and each city in the county under 10,000 population, for perfection of plans against influenza.

3. I recommend the adoption of some plan to maintain a reserve list of physicians and nurses throughout the county who would be willing to accept special service with the Health Department during times of epidemic.

4. I further recommend the passage of an ordinance requiring the principal of each county school to file a weekly report with the County Health Officer of all absentees and other facts relating to school attendance, on forms provided for this purpose by the Health Officer.

## Notices

### FIT TO FLY.

The moving picture film "Fit to Fly" is at the disposal of any county society which wishes to show it, and can be had by applying to Dr. Charles G. Stivers, 1115 Arapahoe street, Los Angeles.

### ORIFICIAL SURGEONS.

The 32d Annual Convention of the American Association of Orifical Surgeons will be held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, September 15, 16 and 17, 1919. Forenoons will be given to operative demonstrations at the hospital.

The program will be replete with practical addresses, essays and papers by prominent orificalists. The clinics will be interesting, as usual.

### STANFORD UNIVERSITY SUMMER QUARTER.

Stanford University since 1917 has divided its year into four quarters of about eleven weeks each. In 1919 the summer quarter will open Tuesday, June 17, and close Saturday, August 30. It is divided into halves, either of which may be taken alone; the second will begin Thursday, July 24. Work may be done and credit received toward the degrees of A. B., A. M., Ph. D., M. D., LL. B., J. D., and toward engineering degrees. Courses are offered in the regular academic and scientific branches, and in medicine, law, and physical education. The advanced and clinical work in medicine is carried on in San Francisco, and that in marine biology at the Hopkins Marine Station near Monterey. Instruction will be by the regular university faculty, with the assistance of certain visiting professors from other universities. The summer quarter is not a summer-school, but is an integral part of the university year.

## League for Conservation of Public Health

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### INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS.

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The medical profession in this era of social and industrial reconstruction has the opportunity to render unequaled service.

The Health question is not an academic question. The Health problems that all factors of society are now discussing are practical questions that involve the development of the race and the security of the nation.

The State's greatest and most essential resource is the health of the people, and the time is now most opportune to develop this resource. The returning soldiers have learned in camp to appreciate and place a higher value upon health; they have learned a respect for sanitation; they now understand the necessity for community co-operation in health matters.

It will be easier, therefore, from now on to appeal to any community on preventive health measures, as the returning soldiers will be a nucleus around which will gather a healthier public sentiment.

Health problem are permanent problems and a League to help solve them must be likewise.

In a recent Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons this point is strikingly stated. "Year after year," the Bulletin says, "the American Medical Association used to have a Committee on Education bring in a very excellent report. On the whole, the men on that committee were splendid representatives of medical education, and the reports were excellent. But after these reports were read and published, nothing was done for another 365 days or until another committee brought in another report. The result was that from year to year little or nothing was accomplished."

"To produce results you have got to have an organization that will work every day of the 365 days in the year."

This League is a 365 day organization. And not only every day, but many nights have been fruitfully devoted to valuable conference work.

The League is a medical mobilization—a scientific standing army that will endeavor to meet and defeat the invisible foes of disease by putting the principles of preventive medicine and surgery into practical effect. Members of the League are sometimes asked by those who do not belong to it, if this organization is not largely interested in exerting political influence. This impression has probably been created by the fact that the League was forced to engage in several political contests in which the interests of the public and the rights of the profession were menaced.

The fact that we have won all of these contests is not a source of regret to the public or the profession.

Ninety-nine per cent. of the representative medical profession urged us to do what we have done and the one per cent., together with the ninety-nine per cent., share in the benefits of our work. Not all of the ninety-nine per cent. contributed to the results we achieved, either financially or otherwise. Some confined their efforts to lending us their moral support.

Moral influence is a most commendable commodity, but it will not pay for telegrams, telephones, literature and the operations of the machinery that produce results. We believe that all that can should contribute to the League for we are working for the benefit of all.

And right here let me announce publicly, for the League has no secrets, that the printed objects which you have before you, these ostensible ob-